



The Common Good Party of Canada (CGP) — Our Proposal

The old parties have run out of answers. After years of Liberal and Conservative governments trading places, the cost of living keeps climbing, homes remain out of reach, hospitals are overwhelmed, and our industrial base is being hollowed out. Canada's median house-price-to-income ratio has reached "severely unaffordable" levels, with Vancouver among the least affordable major markets in the world and Toronto close behind. Home prices rose 53% between 2015 and 2025 while incomes rose only 13%. Roughly 2.4 million households were in core housing need as of 2024, projected to reach 2.6 million by 2027 on the current path.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Mark Carney has committed Canada to NATO's 5% of GDP defense-spending target — 3.5% on the military and 1.5% on infrastructure — which Ottawa itself estimates could cost up to \$150 billion per year when fully implemented, against roughly \$63 billion today. That is money that will not go to health care, housing, or social cohesion.

The CGP stands for a fair society with real opportunities to get ahead and a strong middle class. We practice a Common Sense Capitalism: we want to repair the markets that have stopped working, restore fair competition, and ensure that where great economic power exists, it serves the common good rather than a privileged few. We are the force that protects what you have earned and renews the foundations of tomorrow's prosperity. We demand a politics that serves the hard-working majority — from cleaners and nurses, to tradespeople and farmers — and is not captured by concentrated financial power, whether it comes from large corporations, dominant investors, or digital data giants.

The people of this country have a right to live in a functioning environment: one that protects the economic and social interests of the majority as well as the rights and freedoms of its citizens. To achieve these goals, we take on the political and media establishment.

We are setting the following priorities:

I. Out of the Economic Crisis!

A 5-point plan for economic reason

Canada's manufacturing sector shrank 4% in 2025, hit hard by U.S. tariffs under the new trade war, with motor vehicles and parts declining for a second consecutive year. The average effective U.S. tariff reached its highest level since 1947. Our country cannot be saved by accounting tricks; it needs a strategic industrial policy.

- ✓ 1. Energy costs down. Use Canada's own resource wealth to deliver affordable, reliable energy to households and industry, rather than exporting prosperity and importing inflation.
- ✓ 2. Defend Canadian industry against the tariff war. Stand up to Washington's tariffs with targeted countermeasures, and tax U.S. Big Tech firms on the revenue they earn here while paying little.
- ✓ 3. Cut the bureaucratic madness. Reduce the red tape and approval delays — Toronto approvals alone average 20 months and add tens of thousands of dollars to each new home.
- ✓ 4. Rebuild with a Canada industrial fund and a national investment bank. Public funding with clear conditions — location loyalty, fair wages and Canadian content — to maintain and establish strategic industries and protect good jobs, backed by a national investment bank that channels low-interest capital to small and medium-sized enterprises shut out by the big banks.
- ✓ 5. Public ownership where it serves Canadians. Through a Department of Public Assets Canada (DPAC), we will bring our natural monopolies and strategic sectors — the "Strategic Five" of banking, telecommunications, energy, rail and essential grocery supply — back into democratic public ownership where private control has failed to serve the public. The profits these assets generate will no longer flow into "dream returns" for distant shareholders but will be returned to Canadians as a Citizen Dividend — a direct share in the wealth the country creates. Public ownership will be safeguarded by a clear Public Ownership Firewall: assets held in trust for the people, transparent and accountable management, protection from privatization-by-stealth, and a guarantee that they are run for service and affordability, not extraction.

II. Against the Spending-Cut and the trajectory towards war

The CGP is Canada's consistent voice for peace and sovereignty.

Canada is being pushed into the largest militarization since the Cold War. Ottawa has already crossed NATO's old 2% target with a \$9.3-billion surge and accounting changes, and is now being pressed by Washington and NATO for a "credible" roadmap toward 5%. The Pentagon has even suspended a decades-old Canada–U.S. defense board to force the issue. Every dollar locked into a 5% target is a dollar not spent on family doctors, classrooms and housing.

That's why we demand:

- ✓ Stop the open-ended militarization! Defense spending should serve genuine Canadian and Arctic security needs, not an arbitrary 5% GDP target dictated from abroad. Freeze the escalation and demand full transparency on where defense dollars actually go.
- ✓ A sovereign foreign policy. Canada must maintain good relations across the world, pursue diplomacy and fair trade, and refuse to be drawn automatically into other powers' conflicts and "regime change" campaigns.
- ✓ No blank cheque for the F-35. Procurement must serve Canadian jobs and value-for-money, not lock us further into a single foreign supplier.
- ✓ End the procurement fiasco. Decades of waste and delay in defense procurement must finally be brought under public control and accountability.

III. For a Fair Society

Raise pensions; relieve low- and middle-income earners.

Canadians have grown poorer as wages lag prices. The old parties now float cutting elderly benefits and raising the eligibility age — Ottawa plans deficits totaling \$362.4 billion over six years, and commentators are urging cuts to OAS.

- ✓ No raising the retirement age. Defend OAS, GIS and CPP. The Harper-era plan to push eligibility to 67 must never be revived.
- ✓ An immediate relief package for pensioners and working families, financed by fair taxation rather than service cuts.
- ✓ Fair taxation of labour and capital. Tax extreme wealth and large inheritances appropriately, and treat investment income fairly relative to wages.
- ✓ A \$20 living wage floor and stronger collective bargaining, with compliance enforced on public contracts.

IV. A Health System That Serves People

Specialist wait times in B.C. rose 10% in a single year, and provinces like Ontario are still racing to connect roughly two million residents to primary care by 2029. Health care must serve patients, not profit.

- ✓ Guarantee timely access to a family doctor or care team, regardless of where you live.
- ✓ Complete the public system: full pharma-care and dental care. Prescription medicines and dental care belong inside universal public coverage, so that no Canadian skips treatment because of cost.
- ✓ No two-tier medicine. Keep care out of the hands of financial investors and ban queue-jumping so that no one can buy their way past everyone else, regardless of income.
- ✓ Strengthen public, regional health planning and reject hospital closures without a clear plan for replacement care.
- ✓ Upgrade the nursing and care professions with better pay and binding minimum staffing levels.
- ✓ Take mental health seriously in every policy area — from schools to workplaces.

V. Making Life Affordable

Bring down prices for housing, food and energy.

Housing has slipped out of reach for millions of Canadians, hitting young families in our big cities hardest — Vancouver and Toronto rank among the least affordable major markets on earth, and home prices climbed 53% between 2015 and 2025 while incomes rose just 13%. The real problem is a chronic mismatch between the supply of homes and the demand for them, worsened by years of cheap money and deficit spending, by unchecked speculation, and by population growth that successive governments planned for without building the homes to match. The CGP's answer is to build at the scale Canada actually needs, restore monetary discipline, and plan growth responsibly — never to scapegoat newcomers for decisions made by governments.

We therefore demand:

- ✓ Build the homes we actually need. Back public and non-profit construction toward the 430,000–480,000 new homes per year that experts say are required to restore affordability, and cut the approval delays — averaging 20 months in Toronto — that add tens of thousands of dollars to each new home.
- ✓ Plan growth and housing together. Set residency and immigration levels in step with the homes, hospitals and jobs that are actually being built, so that both newcomers and long-time residents can find a place to live. This is responsible joint planning of supply and demand — not closing the door, and not blaming those who come here.

- ✓ Restore monetary discipline. Persistent inflation flows in large part from years of money-printing to finance federal deficits, which has fed the overheating of the housing market. We support a credible, low-inflation mandate for the Bank of Canada to take the speculative heat out of housing and the wider economy.
- ✓ Fund fairness responsibly. Our commitments from the Citizen Dividend to public housing and health care are paid for by reclaiming the wealth that monopolies now take out of the economy, not by borrowing more or by keeping interest rates so low that they inflate the price of everything. Careful management of the economy and real investment in people are fully compatible: ending the very policies that drove up the cost of housing is what makes honest, fully funded investment in people possible.
- ✓ Respect provincial and municipal jurisdiction over planning. Housing is largely a provincial and local responsibility. Ottawa should stop using financial pressure to override local decisions — while partnering on funding and standing ready to cut the federal taxes and fees that, together with development charges, make up roughly 36% of the cost of a new home.
- ✓ Reform CMHC so it cools the market instead of fueling it. We will overhaul CMHC's mandate so it serves affordability and stability — not endless price escalation and taxpayer-backstopped debt.
- ✓ Curb speculation and money laundering. Work with the provinces to crack down on speculative and non-resident purchases that treat Canadian homes as financial assets rather than places to live, and to choke off money laundering in our land and housing markets.
- ✓ Tackle grocery and energy prices through real competition and oversight of concentrated markets.

VI. A Sensible Immigration Policy

— with Compassion and Control

Immigration has built this country and must continue to work for newcomers and for the communities that receive them alike. After years of growth that outpaced our capacity to house and care for people, Ottawa's own reversal has slowed permanent immigration by about 20% and reduced the temporary-resident population.

- ✓ Match immigration to our capacity to integrate — housing, health care and jobs — so that newcomers can truly succeed, not be set up to struggle.
- ✓ Defend integration as a shared right and duty. A common civic life built on our shared laws, languages and democratic values — and a firm rejection of divisive "us versus them" rhetoric from any direction.

- ✓ Protect those genuinely fleeing persecution while keeping the system orderly, fair and credible.

VII. Innovation Instead of Ideology

Environmental policy with reason.

- ✓ Promote innovation, not bans. Back Canadian engineering and clean-technology research instead of penalizing ordinary consumers.
- ✓ Strengthen the circular economy and laws against planned obsolescence.
- ✓ Invest in intelligent transit and infrastructure rather than symbolic measures that raise costs for working families.

VIII. Renewing Democracy and Defending Freedom

Free debate and diversity of opinion instead of cancel culture and muzzles.

- ✓ Defend free expression against both online censorship and conformity pressure.
- ✓ Protect the right to use cash, and reject any mandatory digital ID or system that makes access to daily life conditional on a digital permission slip.
- ✓ No algorithmic judgement of citizens. Decisions that affect people's rights, benefits or freedoms must be made by accountable humans, not opaque automated systems — and conscience and religious freedom must be protected.
- ✓ More direct democracy — referendums and genuine citizen participation.
- ✓ Reform public broadcasting so it reflects a broad spectrum of opinion and rebuilds public trust.

IX. A Fair Deal for the Next Generation

Young Canadians have been handed a worse deal than their parents through no fault of their own — and they are right to demand better.

- ✓ An economy that invests in you, not against you. Every dollar poured into an arbitrary defence target is a dollar not invested in education, housing, and opportunity. We will change those priorities.
- ✓ A real promise of fairness. True equality of opportunity means an excellent, accessible education and a decently paid job you can build a life on — regardless of where you start. We will make post-secondary education tuition-free and lift the burden of existing student debt, so that talent and effort, not a family's bank balance, decide how far a young Canadian can go.